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IV. Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

Claims 1- 14 remain pending in this application.

Drawing Objections

The Drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Accordingly, the Applicants have submitted herein three amended drawing sheets including amended Figures 3, 4, and 5. The Figures have been amended to include a stator 17 and the threaded bore 28 has been correctly identified in the Figures. The Applicants assert that the drawings are now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.83(a), and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these objections.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the Specification because of an informality in paragraph [0017]. Accordingly, the Applicants have amended paragraph [0017] of the specification and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these objections.

Rejections Under 35 USC §103

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-14 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,204,577, issued to Chottiner et al. (Chottiner) in view of United States Patent No. 6,345,430, issued to Haga et al. (Haga).

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The Applicants respectfully submit the attached Declaration of the Inventors Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, which evidences the conception and reduction to practice of the subject matter of claims 1-14 prior to March 20, 2001 (the filing date of the Chottiner et al. reference). The Applicants respectfully submit that the Chottiner et al. reference is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102, and therefore cannot form the basis for a §103(a) rejection. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections under §103.

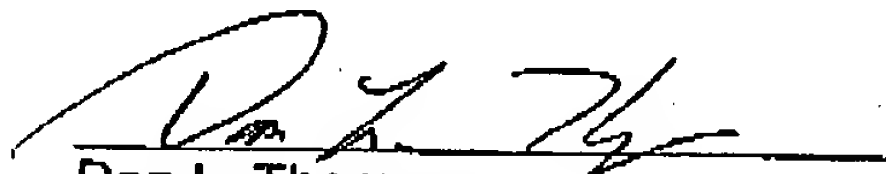
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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as presently amended are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant authorizes charging of any fee deficiency to the deposit account of Applicant's assignee, Visteon Global Technologies, Inc., as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted by,

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